

What is Claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for duplicating a user environment in a first  
2 computer system, said method comprising:  
3 collecting user environment data from the first computer  
4 system, the collecting performed by a computer  
5 program; and  
6 storing the user environment data on a removable  
7 nonvolatile media.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the collecting includes:  
2 identifying attributes to include in the user environment  
3 data.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, said method further comprising:  
2 restoring the user environment data stored by the first  
3 computer system onto a second computer system.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the first computer system  
2 includes a UNIX operating system.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the collecting is performed  
2 for a plurality of users, each of the plurality of users  
3 having one or more accounts on the first computer system.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the user environment data  
2 includes at least one of printer definitions, tty  
3 definitions, network interfaces, user passwords, and  
4 license information.
- 1 7. The method of claim 1, said method further comprising:  
2 transporting the removable nonvolatile media from the first  
3 computer system to a second computer system;  
4 loading the removable nonvolatile media in a device capable  
5 of reading the media; and

6 restoring the user environment data from the removable  
7 nonvolatile media to the second computer system.

- 1 8. An information handling system, said system comprising:  
2 one or more processors;  
3 an operating system operable by the processors;  
4 a memory accessible by the processors;  
5 a removable nonvolatile storage device accessible by the  
6 processors;  
7 a user environment duplication tool for duplicating user  
8 environment data in a first computer system, the tool  
9 including:  
10 means for collecting user environment data from the  
11 first computer system, the collecting performed  
12 by a computer program; and  
13 means for storing the user environment data on a  
14 removable nonvolatile media.

- 1 9. The information handling system of claim 8, wherein the  
2 collecting includes:  
3 means for identifying attributes to include in the user  
4 environment data.

- 1 10. The information handling system of claim 8, further  
2 comprising:  
3 means for restoring the user environment data stored by the  
4 first computer system onto a second computer system.

- 1 11. The information handling system of claim 8, wherein the  
2 first computer system includes a UNIX operating system.

1 12. The information handling system of claim 8, wherein the  
2 means for collecting is performed for a plurality of users,  
3 each of the plurality of users having one or more accounts  
4 on the first computer system.

1 13. The information handling system of claim 8, wherein the  
2 user environment data includes at least one of printer  
3 definitions, tty definitions, network interfaces, user  
4 passwords, and license information.

1 14. The information handling system of claim 8, further  
2 comprising:  
3 means for transporting the removable nonvolatile media from  
4 the first computer system to a second computer system;  
5 means for loading the removable nonvolatile media in a  
6 device capable of reading the media; and  
7 means for restoring the user environment data from the  
8 removable nonvolatile media to the second computer  
9 system.

1 15. A computer program product stored on a computer operable  
2 medium, the computer program product programmed to  
3 duplicate a user environment in a first computer system,  
4 said computer program product comprising:  
5 means for collecting user environment data from the first  
6 computer system, the collecting performed by a  
7 computer program; and  
8 means for storing the user environment data on a removable  
9 nonvolatile media.

- 1 16. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the  
2 collecting includes:  
3 means for identifying attributes to include in the user  
4 environment data.
- 1 17. The computer program product of claim 15, further  
2 comprising:  
3 means for restoring the user environment data stored by the  
4 first computer system onto a second computer system.
- 1 18. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the means  
2 for collecting is performed for a plurality of users, each  
3 of the plurality of users having one or more accounts on  
4 the first computer system.
- 1 19. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the user  
2 environment data includes at least one of printer  
3 definitions, tty definitions, network interfaces, user  
4 passwords, and license information.
- 1 20. The computer program product of claim 15, further  
2 comprising:  
3 means for transporting the removable nonvolatile media from  
4 the first computer system to a second computer system;  
5 means for loading the removable nonvolatile media in a  
6 device capable of reading the media; and  
7 means for restoring the user environment data from the  
8 removable nonvolatile media to the second computer  
9 system.